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President makes federal funds available for Utah

President Obama has issued a major disaster declaration for Utah, making the state eligible for federal funding related to this year's flooding event.

The Aug. 8 declaration from the president includes 18 counties and the Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation.

The declaration provides access to Federal funds in the form of Public Assistance (PA) to help communities recover from this spring's flooding damage. Public Assistance



provides grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain private non-profit organizations. The federal share of assistance is 75 percent of eligible cost while the local jurisdiction covers 25 percent.

The declaration follows FEMA's July 18-22 preliminary damage assessment, which indicated the most severe flooding impacts were to public infrastructure such as roads and bridges and the expenses for emergency protective meas-

ures and debris removal.

PDA assessments identified \$12,727,373 worth of FEMA eligible damage, which is more than triple the required impact of \$3.6 million. The following jurisdictions met their thresholds and will be eligible for Federal Disaster Funding: Box Elder, Cache, Weber, Morgan, Tooele, Salt Lake, Summit, Utah, Wasatch, Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, Beaver and Emery counties, as well as Ute Indian Tribe.

Governor Herbert sent the State Declaration to President Obama, requesting Federal assistance, on Monday, August 1, 2011.

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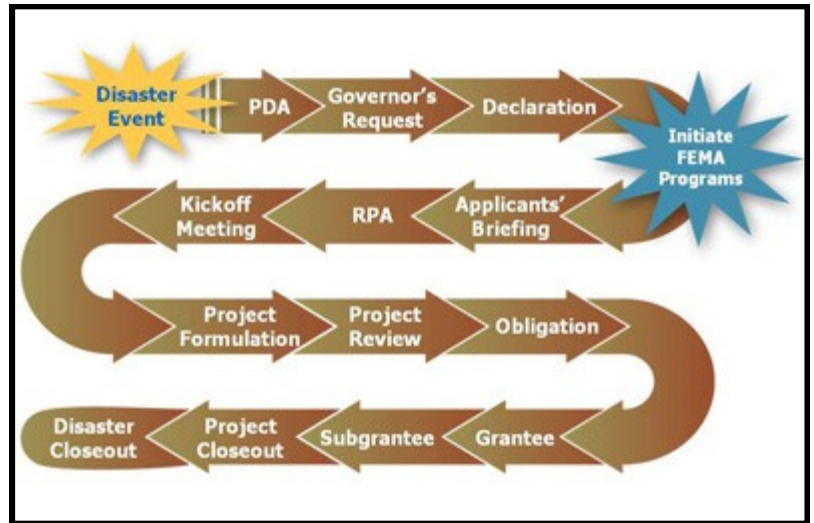
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What's next on the agenda?

FEMA will set up a Joint Field Office (JFO) in Salt Lake County to establish operations. Several state Division of Emergency Management staff will work in the JFO with FEMA to coordinate the recovery. Applicant briefings will be scheduled in each county allowing governmental agencies, tribes, private non-profits, and special districts, who believe they have damage caused by the spring flooding, to learn more about the process, ask questions and fill out a Request for Public Assistance (RPA). Those who fill out an RPA will then meet with FEMA and state project specialists in a kick-off meeting. The Kickoff meeting is where the applicant (sub-grantee) will provide details to FEMA regarding their damage, including where their damage is located, what cost estimates they have, insurance information, overtime policies and other documentation.



What to do before FEMA arrives

Continue to gather all of your documentation and to identify all your damage sites. Research FEMA's PA guidelines http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/pag07_t.shtm. Start obtaining bids for projects you haven't started and gather supporting documentation for the ones you have. Make sure you have all of your volunteer information, including names, when and

where they worked and for how long. If you have damage sites you weren't able to show FEMA's PDA teams, don't worry. They will look at all of your damaged sites in the next few months.

The president's declaration also initiates the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), which will provide assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards. All counties and Indian Tribes in the

State of Utah are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. To apply for a HMGP, please contact Brad Bartholomew at bbart@utah.gov.



Utah National Guard assisted flood efforts with 1000-pound sandbags in Weber County.

*Photo credit: Kimberly Giles, Region I Liaison
Division of Emergency Management*



Utah's Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC)

On August 16-18 the Utah Division of Emergency Management has the unique opportunity to have an EMI-instructed Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) offered to our staff, the State Emergency Response Team and the emergency management directors who are involved in the Utah ShakeOut exercise.

This course will provide the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to conduct operations with counterparts from local government, state agencies, federal agencies, private sector entities, and nongovernmental agencies. This course will also help build

depth in our staff to support 24/7 operations.

Better coordination in our office means better coordinate with each county and improve our service to you.

The last day of the training is a functional exercise with the county emergency managers to test EOC communications. Information collected from this course and exercise will be shared and posted in the next newsletter.

We look forward to more opportunities to exercise with all the counties so we are on the same page and fully understand each other's expectations and assumptions.

If you have any questions regarding the IEMC, please contact Judy Watanabe at judywatanabe@utah.gov

Courses of Action (COA) meetings continue

We are currently on meeting number 10 of 13 for our Courses of Action meetings. We focused on the 13 Core Capabilities that FEMA has identified as the highest priority for essential functions for life safety and stabilizing the event. At these meetings we brainstorm strategies of operational concepts with subject matter experts. Then we extract strategies to determine the most appropriate operational concepts.

These meetings have been successful in that, we are gaining a better understanding of our capabilities, operating systems and what we will be requesting from FEMA. The information will also be the foundation for our catastrophic plan, which is set to be completed by November of this year.

Meeting	Date	Location
IEMC	August 16-18	State Office Building
Public & Private Services and Resources	August 22 - 24	Check U-Train
Public Messaging	August 29 - 30	Check U-Train
Critical Communications	August 31-Sept. 1	Check U-Train
Initial Planning Conference - 2012 ShakeOut	September 7	TBD
Midcourse Planning Conference- 2012 ShakeOut	September 23	TBD
Draft Catastrophic Plan complete	November	
TTX Plan validation	December 7	TBD
Senior Leadership TTX	January 25 , 2012	TBD
Utah ShakeOut Exercise	April 17-19, 2012	Statewide
Recovery TTX	June 5, 2012	TBD

Information from these meetings will be posted on our website: <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/emergencymanagement/ShakeOut2012.htm>

If you have any comments or questions about the planning or the 2012 exercise, please email inquiries to judywatanabe@utah.gov.



Division of Emergency Management Grant Updates—FY 2011 EMPG

After receiving the grant guidance for the FY 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), we knew there would be questions as to why the grant was received later than expected, as well as concerns regarding the requirements. Listed below are some FAQ's that hopefully will answer any lingering questions you may have. If you need more clarification, please contact Russ Fillmore rfillmore@utah.gov, or contact your regional liaison.

Why all the changes to the FY 2011 EMPG?

- FEMA had no choice. The intense focus by Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on deficit reduction, as well as their demand that for greater accountability and performance measures in grants, forced FEMA to act in order for the FY 2011 grants to be spared further cuts.

Can real world events count toward the EMPG exercise requirement?

- FEMA's Information Bulletin #366 indicates real world events *cannot* count toward the full-scale exercise requirement. The Division of Emergency Management will communicate to NEMA and FEMA Region VIII the views expressed by local agencies.

If my jurisdiction receives EMPG funding, does my jurisdiction need to host the four exercises and full-scale exercise to be in compliance?

- EMPG funded personnel need to participate in three exercises and one full-scale exercise within a 12-month period and report quarterly. Participation in a multi-jurisdictional exercise will satisfy this requirement. The State is encouraging Regional exercise events to help meet this requirement.

Only one person is funded with EMPG funding in my jurisdiction, how many exercises do I need to participate in?

- You must participate in three exercises, (one per reporting quarter), and one full-scale exercises within a 12-month period.

With the limited time available for this grant cycle, do I need to participate or host a full-scale exercise?

- You can, but the requirement is within a 12-month period, so it may fall within the next grant cycle. Your jurisdiction should plan accordingly and include it in the 3-year training and exercise plan.

Will the state help me with my exercise planning, evaluation, and reporting?

- Yes. The Division of Emergency Management has exercise staff to assist in this role. Liaisons are also trained to assist as well. HSEEP, NEXS, and other exercise related training courses are available for local jurisdictions.

Since the 2011 EMPG grant came out after the first and second quarters were done, how do I comply with this new requirement?

- The first progress report will be a combined report for January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011. Exercise activity should be reported if an exercise was conducted. If an exercise was not conducted, the sub-grantee should report, "New requirement, no exercise activity for this period." The sub-grantee should then plan accordingly in order to complete this requirement for the remaining quarters of the grant cycle.

What types of exercises are allowed under this requirement?

- Discussion-based exercises, including seminars, workshops, tabletops, and games; and operations-based exercises, including drills, functional, and full-scale.

I completed my FEMA Professional Development Series before they were independent study courses. Do I need to retake these courses?

- No. The older courses are grandfathered into the requirement.



Division of Emergency Management Grant Updates- (cont.)

Am I able to use SHSGP funding to plan for an exercise as part of a real-world event to support over-time and backfill?

- Yes. SHSGP funding can support a limited role for planning, evaluating, and reporting an exercise function during a real world event. This allowability however, is limited, and cannot support the event. Jurisdictions need to insure grant funding is not being used to supplement or support non-allowable costs as outlined in the grant guidance.

Performance Standard Two: Planning requires an updated Emergency Operations Plan and a completed Evaluation Matrix for Compliance with CPG 101 v.2. What is this?

- The Plan Analysis Tool is available at <http://www.fema.gov/prepared/plan.shtm>. This Analysis Tool supplements [CPG 101](#) by providing a one-page matrix to track the development timeline for a new plan or the revision of an existing plan. The tool also captures the planning elements contained in CPG 101 to support the analysis by a jurisdiction of its existing plans.

Are there any other new requirements?

- Although not new to the Utah EMPG program, EMPG funded personnel must complete the FEMA PDS series as well as the basic NIMS training. FEMA is also requiring the completion of a TEP for EMPG funded jurisdictions. The State is required to submit this information to FEMA.

The Reporting of Total Compensation of Sub-recipient Executive is a new certification. What is this?

- The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 requires the State to report the names and total compensation of the sub-grantee's five most highly compensated executives if other requirements are not met.
 - Sub-grantees must be registered in the CCR with a DUNS number.
 - Executive Compensation Reporting criteria include:
 - (1) 80 percent or more of the sub-grantee's annual gross revenues in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub-grants, and/or cooperative agreements; and
 - (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub-grants, and/or cooperative agreements.

Utah State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT)

The Utah State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT) consists of representatives, with hazard specific expertise, from state and federal agencies, local agencies, and professional organizations. The SHMT meets quarterly. The Utah Division of Emergency Management, Mitigation and Recovery Section assists in coordinating SHMT activities in Utah.

The SHMT provides insight and information on Utah's natural hazards. They also provide technical assistance and recommend mitigation measures to lessen the impact from natural hazards. They assist in the evaluation and review of existing state and local hazard mitigation plans.

SHMT members also respond to natural hazard

events and emergencies. This coordinated response allows local emergency managers effective access to hazard specific expertise, which helps develop action and preparedness plans. The team also provides seasonal hazard advisories (severe weather, spring flood outlook, landslide advisories, fire outlook, etc.) These advisories help local communities identify mitigation measures and prepare for the impact from natural hazards.

For additional information or contact information on the SHMT, please contact Nancy Barr (801) 538-3721 nbarr@utah.gov or Brad Bartholomew (801) 673-5854 bbart@utah.gov, or visit <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/emergencymanagement/statehazard.html> More to come in future newsletters highlighting the SHMT representatives, capabilities, and their programs.

Department of Public Safety - Mobile Command



As the new Department of Public Safety Mobile Command vehicle rolls up on scene, your first thought might be that the Men in Black are about to jump out and drop some serious heat on some aliens.

Black, sleek, shiny and large, this custom-built vehicle is all business and looks good doing it.

Paid for by money seized from drug traffickers and the state Homeland Security grant, the new Mobile Command is now ready to roll. At 45 feet long, it has nine work stations with computers, data satellite, satellite TV and a few more choice accoutrements:

- Color external camera with thermal and infrared capability
- 360-degree cameras so you know who's near you
- 150-gallon diesel tank
- Generator
- External PA system and TV display
- Two outside electric awnings
- Fridge, water cooler, microwave, coffee maker
- Ability to patch 800 MHz, VHF and UHF
- Event and camera recorders

This state-of-the-art resource will be used to support the divisions of the Department of Public Safety in emergency response, coordination and in support to local agencies. Look for the vehicle at the Box Elder County Fair.

For more information:

Contact Dave Popelmayer at 801-538-3400 or your regional liaison for information or to request the mobile command vehicle.



Trainings— **Conferences**— Exercises and Meetings

(APS): Required (+) Elective (*)

Training			Location	Course ID
August				
16-18		Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC)	State Office Bldg	By invitation
23-24	G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Draper	1011051
23-24	G-318+	Mitigation Planning Workshop	Capitol Campus	1013133
24-26	BCA	Benefit Cost Analysis	Capitol Campus	1027276
30-31	G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Cedar City	1011051
September				
13-14	G-408*	Homeland Security Planning for Local Governments	Capitol Campus	1015677
13-14	G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Draper	1011051
20-21	G-290*	Basic Public Information Officer	Logan	1011053
22	G-291	JIS/JIC Planning Course	Logan	1020466
26-28	L-550	Continuity of Operations (COOP) Course and TTT	Capitol Campus	1011753
October				
4-5	G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Monticello	1011051
4-5	G-290*	Basic Public Information Officer	Capitol Campus	1011053
6	G-291	JIS/JIC Planning Course	Capitol Campus	1020466
11-12	G-108*	Community Mass Care	Capitol Campus	1013917
18-19	G-288*	Local Donations and Volunteer Management	Capitol Campus	1026948

Conferences and Workshops

September

22	CCDC/LEPC Workshop	Salt Lake City	More info coming
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October

25-26	Public Information Officer Conference	St. George	Register here
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November

5	ARES/RACES Conference	Layton	More info coming
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Exercises and Meetings

August

22 - 24	COA Workgroups - Public & Private Services & Resources	Salt Lake City	Judy Watanabe
29 - 30	COA Workgroups - Public Messaging	Salt Lake City	Judy Watanabe
31– Sept 1	COA Workgroups - Critical Communications	Salt Lake City	Judy Watanabe

Register using the course ID on U-TRAIN at: <https://www.utah.train.org> For more training information, please visit our website at: <http://emergencymanagement.utah.gov> or contact Ted Woolley at tedwoolley@utah.gov

Trainings— **Conferences**— Exercises and Meetings (*cont.*)

Exercises and Meetings

September

13	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	Bob Carey
16	Private Sector Coordinating Council	Natl. Guard Readiness Center	Ryan Longman

October

11	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	Bob Carey
14	Private Sector Coordinating Council	Natl. Guard Readiness Center	Ryan Longman

**If you have questions regarding the exercises or meetings above, please contact the event coordinator:*

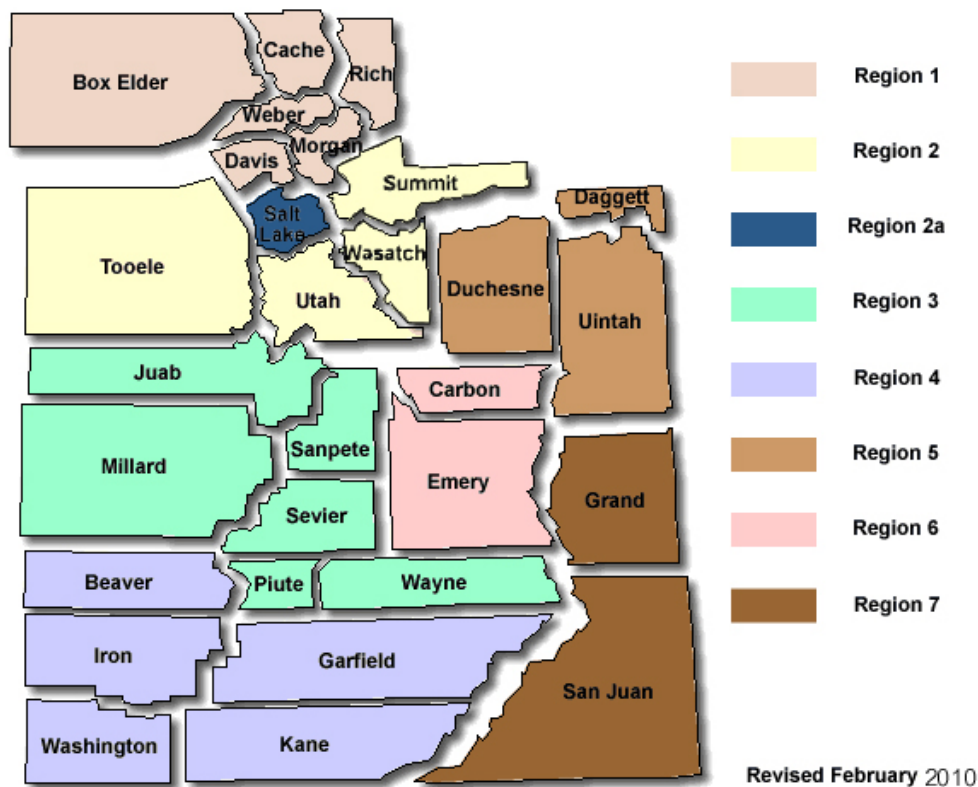
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